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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 November 2004.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 12-23, 25-30, 41-55, 59-87 and 89-91 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 12-23, 25-30 and 82-87 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 41-45, 48, 50-55, 59, 61-66, 72-76, 80 and 81 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 46, 49 and 88-91 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 47, 60, 67-71 and 77-79 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Applicants amendment of claims 41, 46 and 89-91, in the paper of 11/30/2004, is acknowledged. Claims 12-23, 25-30, 41-55, 59-87, 89-91 are at issue and are present for examination.

Applicants' arguments filed on 11/30/2004 have been fully considered and are deemed to be persuasive to overcome some of the rejections previously applied. Rejections and/or objections not reiterated from previous office actions are hereby withdrawn.

Applicants continued comments with regard to the rejoinder of the nonelected groups are acknowledged, however these will be dealt with upon the indication of allowability of the elected claims as per MPEP 821.04.

Claims 12-23 and 25-30 and 82-87 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention, the requirement having been traversed in Paper No. 6.

Claim Objections

Claims 46 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 46 recites "a polypeptide which **encodes a polypeptide** which increases..." It is believed this should recite "a polypeptide which increases..."

Claims 47, 60, 67-71 depend from rejected claims.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 46 and 49, 77-79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 46 recites “wherein said polypeptide of a) or b) comprises...” There is no antecedent basis for this recitation and thus it is indefinite.

Claim 49 recites “comprising residue 43, which encodes a polypeptide which increases lysine...” This recitation is confusing since the claim is drawn to a polynucleotide and the polynucleotide does not comprise the referred to residue 43.

Claims 77-79 depend from cancelled claims 56-58.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 46, 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 89-91 which are drawn to fragments of SEQ ID NO: 1 consisting of at least 15, 20 and 30 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 1, or the full complement

thereof are not supported by the original specification at the time of filing and are thus considered new matter. Applicants comments regarding the support for these claims in original claim 1 and page 9, lines 9-17 of the specification (page 13 and 14 of applicants response of 12/5/2005) are acknowledged, however it is not found that applicants have adequately shown support for such claimed subject matter.

Applicant is referred to the revised guidelines concerning compliance with the written description requirement of U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, published in the Official Gazette and also available at www.uspto.gov.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard G Hutson whose telephone number is (703) 308-0066. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapu Achutamurthy can be reached on (703) 308-3804. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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